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# NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

## STATUS OF PROJECTS

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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

STATUS OF PROJECTS

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1. COMPLETED PROJECTS

(August 17, 1948 - August 30, 1948)

NSC 25 INTERIM TERMS OF REFERENCE OF SANACC  
(See NSC Action No. 94)

OFFICE OF SPECIAL PROJECTS (reference NSC 10/2)  
(See NSC Action No. 95)

## 2. PROJECTS UNDER CONSIDERATION BY THE NSC

### THE POSITION OF THE US WITH RESPECT TO SOVIET-DIRECTED WORLD COMMUNISM (NSC 7)

Staff report submitted to the NSC as NSC 7 on March 31. Council action deferred pending further study of this report by the Department of State. Scheduled for discussion at 12th Meeting of NSC at which time it was again deferred pending the receipt of a substitute report which the Department of State is preparing.

### THE INTERNAL SECURITY OF THE UNITED STATES

(Memo for NSC from Executive Secretary, same subject, dated August 26, 1948, reference NSC 17/2)

At its 17th Meeting, August 5, the NSC approved the Conclusions of NSC 17/1 and directed the Executive Secretary to submit appropriate recommendations. The report of the Executive Secretary, NSC 17/2, was considered by the Council on August 19, when the Council agreed that consideration of subject be referred to SANACC and instructed the Executive Secretary to prepare a draft memorandum covering appropriate terms of reference. Draft directive submitted by memorandum for NSC consideration. Approved by State and NSRB, August 27. Awaiting action by Treasury, Defense, Army, Navy, Air and Justice.

### IMPLEMENTATION OF NSC PAPERS

(Memo for NSC from Executive Secretary, same subject, dated August 2, 1948)

Memorandum from Under Secretary of State requesting Council approval of procedure for implementation of NSC papers recommended therein. Amendments submitted by NSRB, August 5; Defense, August 9; Army, August 13; and Air, August 20. Awaiting action by Navy.

### TURKISH ARSENAL AID

(Memo for NSC from Executive Secretary, same subject, dated August 17, 1948)

At its 13th Meeting on June 17, 1948, the NSC directed the Staff to prepare a report for Council consideration on the basis of comments by the Department of the Army. Staff report submitted to the Council August 17. Approved by State, August 23; by Navy, August 19; by Air, August 27; by NSRB, August 19. Awaiting action by Defense and Army.

UNDER CONSIDERATION BY NSC (Cont'd.)

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SANACC 398/4  
(NSC 26)

At its 12th Meeting, June 3, the NSC referred to the Staff this subject to prepare comments and recommendations thereon for consideration by the Council. The Staff interviewed two technical consultants on this subject and prepared comments and recommendations which were presented to the Consultants on July 21. Concurred in by the Consultants and presented to the Council on August 19, 1948 as an alternative to SANACC 398/4. Scheduled as item 2 of the agenda for the 19th NSC Meeting, Sept. 2, 1948.

US MILITARY POINT OF VIEW FOR THE EVENTUALITY OF UNITED NATIONS  
DECISION TO INTRODUCE MILITARY FORCES INTO PALESTINE  
(NSC 27)

Report by the Secretary of Defense giving JCS views for Council consideration. The Department of State will comment on these views (NSC Action No. 96) at the 19th NSC Meeting, Sept. 2. A status of NSC Studies concerning the Near East (memo to NSC dated August 26) to be reviewed in connection with this subject at the request of the Secretary of Defense. Scheduled as item 4 on the agenda.

THE POSITION OF THE US WITH RESPECT TO SCANDINAVIA  
(NSC 28)

Study initiated by the NSC Staff on April 21, revised on May 14, sent to Consultants on May 18. Changes suggested were incorporated in a revision which was concurred in by the Consultants and submitted to the Council on August 26. Scheduled as item 1 on the agenda for the 19th NSC Meeting, Sept. 2, 1948.

UNDER CONSIDERATION BY NSC (Cont'd.)

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THE ATTITUDE OF THIS GOVERNMENT TOWARD EVENTS IN YUGOSLAVIA  
(NSC 18)

Discussion of this report, previously circulated for the information of the Council, requested by the Secretary of the Army. Scheduled as item 5 on the agenda for the 19th NSC Meeting, Sept. 2, 1948.

### 3. PROJECTS UNDER CONSIDERATION BY THE NSC CONSULTANTS

#### THE POSITION OF THE US WITH RESPECT TO IRAN

Study initiated by the NSC Staff on Dec. 2, 1947. First draft issued Feb. 11, 1948. After various revisions, draft presented to Consultants April 23. Concurred in by Navy, April 26; by Army and Air, May 3. State action being deferred, pending related developments.

#### THE POSITION OF THE US WITH RESPECT TO TURKEY

Study initiated by the NSC Staff Feb. 10, 1948. First draft issued April 5, 1948. After various revisions, draft presented to Consultants April 27. Concurred in by Navy, April 28; by Army, May 7; by Air, May 12. State action being deferred, pending related developments.

#### US POLICY TOWARD JAPAN (NSC 13)

Study of this subject submitted by the Department of State for the information of the Council, distributed as NSC 13, June 2, 1948. On the basis of this study and a report by the Army on "Limited Military Armament for Japan" the Staff prepared a report for consideration by the Council and submitted it to the Consultants, July 23, 1948. Recommendations on the subject of reparations are to be submitted later. Basic paper concurred in by all Consultants except Army. In addition, Army and NSRB propose inclusion of reparations paragraph.

#### FRENCH NORTH AFRICA (NSC 12)

Study of this subject submitted by the Under Secretary of State for the information of the Council distributed as NSC 12, May 28. On the basis of this study, the NSC Staff prepared a report on Northwest Africa for consideration by the Council, presenting it to the Consultants for concurrence on June 21. Concurred in by Navy, July 6; by Air, July 7; by NSRB, July 12. State changes of August 4 and Army change of July 6 incorporated in a revision submitted August 4 to the Navy, Air, and NSRB Consultants. Awaiting action by the latter.

#### 4. PROJECTS IN PREPARATION BY NSC STAFF

##### US POLICY TOWARD JAPAN (NSC 13)

Staff continuing study of Japanese reparations problem (para. 6 of Section IV of draft report which was submitted to the NSC Consultants, July 23). SCAP reply to a cable requesting his views is being considered in this connection. Staff awaiting views of the Department of State and Army.

##### POLICY ON ATOMIC WARFARE

At its 12th Meeting, June 3, 1948, the NSC directed the NSC Staff to prepare a report on the position of the United States with respect to the initiation of atomic warfare in the event of war, including consideration of the time and circumstances of employment, and the type and character of targets against which it would be employed. First draft, prepared by Air, circulated July 6, 1948 and concurred in by other Staff members, except Army who submitted alternative suggestions. Redraft in preparation by Staff.

##### COORDINATION OF INFORMATION MEASURES (NSC 4, NSC 10 Series)

An amendment to NSC 4 with respect to planning responsibilities for wartime implementation of NSC 4, in the light of Council action on the NSC 10 Series, is being prepared by the Department of State for consideration by the Staff.

##### POSSIBLE COURSES OF ACTION FOR THE US WITH RESPECT TO THE CRITICAL SITUATION IN CHINA (NSC 22)

At its 17th Meeting the NSC referred NSC 22 and the comments of the JCS thereon (NSC 22/1) to the Staff to prepare a report for Council consideration in conjunction with the Staff's study of NSC 11, "US Armed Forces at Tsingtao". State Department is drafting a report.



IN PREPARATION BY NSC STAFF (Cont'd.)

US ARMED FORCES AT TSINGTAO  
(NSC 11)

Memorandum on this subject submitted by the Secretary of Defense for information of the Council, distributed as NSC 11, May 24. Draft report prepared by Staff and presented to the Consultants on June 11. Changes recommended by State, Army and Navy were considered by the Staff and a split report returned to the Consultants on July 6. The Consultants recommendation that final action be deferred until approximately Aug. 15, 1948 was approved by the Council at its 15th Meeting, July 15. At its 17th Meeting, August 5, the Council directed the Staff to consider this subject in conjunction with its study of NSC 22, "Possible Courses of Action for the US With Respect to the Critical Situation in China".

APPRAISAL OF THE DEGREE AND CHARACTER OF MILITARY PREPAREDNESS  
REQUIRED BY THE WORLD SITUATION  
(NSC 20)

Memorandum by the Secretary of Defense suggesting that the Department of State draft an initial statement of the risks, objectives and measures related to the national security for consideration by the Council as a matter of highest priority. At its 17th Meeting, August 5, the Council agreed that the Department of State would prepare a report on the risks and objectives for Council consideration. On the basis of the completed report, the NSC directed the Staff to recommend specific measures to achieve the national security objectives. Two draft studies, NSC 20/1 and NSC 20/2, submitted by the Department of State are serving as a working basis for preparation of a report by the Staff on the risks and objectives for Council consideration.

5. OTHER CURRENT PROJECTS



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## 6. DEFERRED PROJECTS

### THE POSITION OF THE US WITH RESPECT TO FRANCE

Study initiated by the NSC Staff on Dec. 2, 1947. First draft issued Mar. 18, 1948. After initial consideration by the Staff, they agreed to defer further consideration at the request of the Department of State.

### NATIONAL SECURITY OBJECTIVES OF THE UNITED STATES

Study initiated by NSC Staff Dec. 2, 1947 as a long-term project. First draft issued Feb. 25, 1948. Further consideration has been deferred until after NSC action on NSC 7 and the NSC 20 Series.

### THE POSITION OF THE US WITH RESPECT TO THE MEDITERRANEAN AND THE NEAR EAST

On Dec. 12, 1947 the Consultants advised preparation of a report on this area by the Staff. First draft issued Mar. 2, 1948. Further consideration of the report has been postponed at the request of the Department of State, pending the outcome of current developments in this area.

### THE POSITION OF THE US WITH RESPECT TO CHINA

The Secretary of Defense requested study by NSC on Jan. 15, 1948. Jan. 20 the Department of State was requested to prepare a study for NSC consideration. A study on short-term assistance to China was submitted by the Department of State and a report drafted by the Staff on March 8. It was amended by the Consultants and the revision submitted to the NSC as NSC 6 on March 26. At its 9th Meeting, April 2, 1948, the NSC agreed no action on this report was necessary since it had been overtaken by events. The Department of State is continuing preparation of a report on the overall position with respect to China as originally requested. Further action deferred pending receipt of this report from State.

### THE POSITION OF THE US WITH RESPECT TO THE USE OF US MILITARY POWER IN GREECE (NSC 5/4)

To be reviewed not later than Nov. 1, 1948.

DEFERRED PROJECTS (Cont'd.)

DISPOSITION OF THE FORMER ITALIAN COLONIES IN AFRICA  
(NSC 19/2)

At its 17th Meeting, August 5, the NSC reviewed and discussed this problem but deferred further action pending the results of negotiations by the Department of State referred to in this report.

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